

IN THE CLAIMS

- Claim 1 (**currently amended**). A film comprising at least one O₂ gas barrier layer substantially consisting substantially of a mixture of 20-40% by weight of an ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH) and 60-80% by weight of at least one multipolyamide, wherein the multipolyamide is made up of the 3 components
- I) hexamethylenediamine/adipic acid (polyamide 6,6),
 - II) hexamethylenediamine/azelaic acid (polyamide 6,9) and/or hexamethylenediamine/sebacic acid (polyamide 6,10) and
 - III) hexamethylenediamine/isophthalic acid (polyamide 6,I) and/or hexamethylenediamine/terephthalic acid (polyamide 6,T).
- Claim 2 (original). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the multipolyamide is made up of a) 15-75 mol % of component I, b) 15-65 mol % of component II and c) 10-70 mol % of component III, wherein the total quantity of components I-III must always add up to 100 mol %.
- Claim 3 (original). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the multipolyamide is made up of a) 15-60 mol % of component I, b) 15-55 mol % of component II and c) 10-45 mol % of component III, wherein the total quantity of components I-III must always add up to 100 mol %.
- Claim 4 (original). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the multipolyamide is made up of a) 35-55 mol % of component I, b) 15-55 mol % of component II and c) 10-30 mol % of component III, wherein the total quantity of components I-III must always add up to 100 mol %.
- Claim 5 (**currently amended**). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the ethylene/vinyl alcohol copolymer consists of 20-50 mol % ethylene, **preferably 42-48 mol % ethylene, particularly preferably 38-48 mol % ethylene.**

Claim 6 (**currently amended**). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the O₂ gas barrier layer consists of a mixture of ~~10~~ **30**-45 wt. % EVOH and 55-~~90~~ **70** wt. % multipolyamide, in each case relative to the total quantity of the mixture.

Claim 7 (**currently amended**). A film according to claim 6, characterised in that the O.sub.2 gas barrier layer consists of a mixture of ~~20~~ **30**-40 wt. % EVOH and 60-**80 70** wt. % multipolyamide, in each case relative to the total quantity of the mixture.

Claim 8 (**currently amended**). A film according to claim 1, containing at least one outer layer, ~~preferably two outer or surface layers, at least one of~~ which **layers** is heat-sealable.

Claim 9 (previously presented). A film according to claim 8, characterised in that a mixture of ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer (EVA) and LLDPE (linear low density polyethylene) is used as the outer layer material.

Claim 10 (original). A film according to claim 9, characterised in that a mixture of 40-65 wt. % of an ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer and 35-60 wt. % of LLDPE, wherein the total quantity of the polymer components must always add up to 100 wt. %, is used as the heat-sealing layer material.

Claim 11 (previously presented). A multilayer film according to claim 1, characterised in that it is made up of the O₂ gas barrier layer and 2 outer layers.

Claim 12 (original). A film according to claim 11, characterised in that the layers are in each case joined together by a coupling agent layer.

Claim 13 (original). A film according to claim 12, characterised in that the coupling agent layers are based on a mixture of maleic anhydride-grafted ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer and LLDPE.

Claim 14 (**currently amended**). A film according to claim 12, characterised in that at least one coupling agent layer is ~~coloured~~ colored.

Claim 15 (**currently**). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the film is monoaxially, ~~preferably or~~ biaxially, drawn.

Claim 16 (previously presented). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the film comprises at least one crosslinked layer.

Claim 17 (previously presented). A film according to claim 1, characterised in that the film is shrinkable.

Claim 18 (**currently amended**). ~~Use of a film according to claim 1 for~~ A packaging for perishable, gas-releasing products, ~~preferably foodstuffs~~ which comprises the film of claim 1.

Claim 19 (**currently amended**). ~~Use~~ The packaging according to claim 19 ~~for packaging wherein said perishable, gas-releasing products are cheese, preferably cheese~~ cheeses which is still ripening.

Claim 20 (**currently amended**). ~~Use~~ The packaging according to claim 19 ~~for packaging wherein said cheeses are~~ semi-hard and/or hard cheeses.

Claim 21 (**currently amended**). ~~The P~~ackaging for perishable, gas-releasing products, preferably foodstuffs, made from a film according to claim 1 of claim 19, wherein said cheeses are still ripening.

Claim 22 (cancelled).

Claim 23 (previously presented). A cheese ripening pouch made from a film according to claim 1

Claim 24 **(new)**. The film of claim 5 wherein the ethylene/vinyl copolymer consists of 42-48 mol % ethylene.

Claim 25 **(new)**. The film of claim 24 wherein the ethylene/vinyl copolymer consists of 38-48 mol % ethylene.

Claim 26 **(new)**. The film of claim 8 containing at least two outer or surface layers, at least one of which is heat-sealable.